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Among Network Elements

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: DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF
: INVENTOR AND PETITION
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT

This is in response to the Request for Reconsideration filed on April 25, 2001. The papers filed April 25, 2001, included a Declaration signed by previous non-signing inventor, Mr. Bayne G. Steele, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under Rule 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any Rule 1.47 status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this Office for any further consideration under Rule 1.47(a).

The request for reconsideration was filed timely; therefore, no additional fee or petition fee is due. Accordingly, the \$130 fee submitted with the request for reconsideration will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

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